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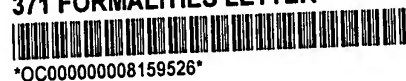
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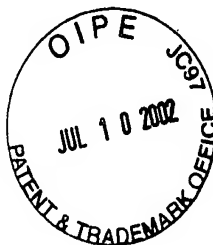
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated May 22, 2002, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

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